

MEETING MINUTES
Gulf Cove Street and Drainage Advisory Committee
October 22, 2014 – Regular Meeting
3:00pm - Hope Lutheran Church Meeting Room

Attendees: Ron Kubala, Franz Leppla, Jose Subero, and Richard Van Acker
Absent: David Cormier (excused)
County staff: Mike Dallenbach, Judith Nothdurft and Sandy Wright
Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. A roll call of members was taken that determined a quorum was present.

The minutes from the August 14, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only: (3 Minute Limit) None

Unfinished Business:

- Gulf Cove Entrance Pedestrian Safety Issue – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed from Mr. Vattikuti that he heard from Florida Department of Transportation and the S.R. 776 project didn't include the area by the entrance. He spoke with the County Engineer to prepare an estimate which will be ready for review at the next meeting. Item is tabled until the next meeting.
- Waste Management Contract – Mr. Kubala discussed the truck issue on the cul-de-sacs with Richard Allen, Solid Waste Operations Manager. Mr. Allen will check the contract to see if there are any provisions to make changes pertaining to truck sizes. He requested a list of problem areas so he can work with Waste Management supervisors to get the drivers to be more cautious in those areas. It may be possible to install guide poles to help protect the islands. Mr. Kubala is requesting members and neighbors in problem areas be put on the list. Members will speak with property owners for their input. Mr. Allen's attendance will be requested at the next meeting.
- Gulf Cove Drainage Pipe Cleaning – Estimate – Mr. Dallenbach stated a plan will be worked on after the next 2 year budget cycle is complete. The estimate should be available for the next meeting. Mr. Leppla requested a drainage map that shows which way the water is draining. Mr. Dallenbach will follow up.
- Remaining Paving – Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that the project will be complete by the end of 2014.
- Citizen Drainage Concerns – Mr. Kubala reported that David Blvd. where it drains into the marina area is filling up with trees. Mr. Dallenbach stated it is on the schedule to be cleaned out with the minzi muck.
- Brush Cutting/Herbicide Test Area Results – The herbicide test treatment is complete and they are waiting to see how long it will take for the vegetation to grow back. Mr. Dallenbach will provide the location in South Gulf Cove of the herbicide treated area for members to look at.
- Tree Canopy Trimming – Mr. Dallenbach turned in the locations for trimming. There was discussion regarding the type of trees that are forming a canopy. The Committee wants to keep the road from being blocked in the event of a storm.
- Mowing Contract (boom arm mower status) – The next time the contract goes out to bid; the committee would like to get an estimate on the cost of doing the cutting with a boom arm mower. Mr. Kubala will contact Mr. Dallenbach to follow up. Mowing cycles were discussed.

New Business:

- Future County Sidewalk Plan – Mr. Quick has been asked by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to collect information from all of the Street & Drainage MSBUs to create a wish list of streets they think they would like to see sidewalks installed. Ideas can be emailed to Ms. Nothdurft. Mr. Subero stated all sidewalks should be close to the schools so the kids will be safe at the bus stops. Mr. Kubala suggested putting something on the POGC (Property Owners of Gulf Cove) website requesting input. Ms. Nothdurft will work with Ms. Wirth at the Association to discuss wording.
- Projects for next 2-year Budget Cycle FY2016 and FY2017 – Ms. Nothdurft reported the paving loan and the expected drainage work will take up a lot of the MSBU funds. The Committee had no further suggestions.

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- Specialty Mowing in cul-de-sacs – Mr. Van Acker stated he feels specialty cutting on empty lots should be paid for by those property owners. Mr. Leppla agreed that if the cul-de-sacs want specialty mowing they should have to pay for it. Mr. Leppla expressed concern about the contractor not cutting all the way to the right-of-way as they are being paid to do. He stated one area was cut then reported by a property owner that he couldn't see to get out of his driveway due to the pepper trees. He feels the committee is paying twice; once to the vertical hedger and again for county staff to address line of site issues. He feels the contractor should be held responsible. There was discussion regarding the right-of-way cutting being done 15 ft. from the edge of the road. Mr. Dallenbach conveyed it depends on the street and size of the right-of-way.
- Financial Reports – Activity Report – Mr. Leppla stated that 5534 David Blvd. was an expensive project as it is shown on the report. When water stands for 20-30 days and life is starting to grow in it; it is taking too long to drain. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up regarding the work and its cost and report back at the next meeting.
- FY2014/15 Budget – The pre-approved budget was adopted by the BCC and began on October 1, 2014.

Open Discussion:

- Mr. Van Acker reported that the drainage at Pawnee and Duval still has not been corrected. He will follow up with follow-up with Customer Assistance.
- Mr. Leppla stated he would like to see the occupied lot owners pay a lot less because they maintain their own right-of-ways.

Citizen Input for MSBU Related Items: (3 Minute Limit)

- Mr. Gilbert said his complaint regarding 13680 Foresman from May, June and again in July still has not been resolved. Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that the work is complete; however that area has inherent problems. He wants someone to follow up because it doesn't appear that any grading was done; it looks exactly as it did when he left in June. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up.
- Ms. Wirth has received calls regarding the grass at the entrance to Gulf Cove. She doesn't know if it's state or county responsibility as you turn onto Gillot from 776 but the strips of grass by the guard rails are not being cut. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up and report back.
- Mr. Preiss reported that Gallagher and Gent where the water comes down towards the river has fish growing in the swale on Gallagher; it needs to be cleaned out. He asked how the mowing is calculated because a lot of the property owners are maintaining the vacant lots next and across from them. It was stated that the contractor is paid by the mile regardless of lots being maintained by the citizens. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up.
- Mr. Preiss suggested putting sidewalks on Gillot until you get to Kneeland, the whole length of Anderson, Norlander from Gillot to the park and the whole length of Kneeland.
- Mr. Ekstrom stated the County fixed the outfall by his house and did a nice job; however he still has a lot of water that is going between him and his neighbor's house. He is requesting a pipe similar to the ones installed on Fleming at David be installed. He is paying to have that ditch cleaned out and if the County wants him to stop cleaning out that swale he will.
- Mr. Leppla requested a copy of the West Charlotte Stormwater map.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sandy Wright reviewed by Kerry Lortz

Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
GULF COVE S&D ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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